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*“All hands
invited ...”*

Enterprise Sailors focus on FOD

Sailors gather on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) to participate in a foreign object debris (FOD) walk-down. Sailors conduct FOD walk-downs to remove debris from the flight deck that could cause harm to personnel or equipment.

Photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Peter D. Melkus

SAILOR OF THE DAY



INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS (SW) JUAN J. FLORIANO

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class (SW) Juan J. Floriano takes pride in the role he plays in safeguarding information on the ship's network. Floriano, a native of Austin, Texas, enlisted in the Navy in order to take advantage of the Montgomery GI Bill offered to service members and also for the ability to travel and see the world. He plans to utilize the GI Bill upon his separation from the Navy to attend college and major in business administration or information systems.

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Enterprise Sailors unite to combat FOD

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USS ENTERPRISE, At sea – The crew of the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) is hard at work trying to prevent foreign object damage (FOD) to aircraft as the ship conducts its Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX) Oct. 14 in preparation for its upcoming deployment.

Keeping the flight deck and hangar bay FOD free is a top priority before beginning flight operations. Twice daily, all hands are invited to participate in FOD walk-down in order to clear the hangar bay and flight deck of any perilous material.

“FOD can cause millions of dollars in damage throughout the life of an aircraft,” said Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) 1st Class (AW/SW) Mark Torres, Air department’s V-1 division assistant leading petty officer. “Whether it’s a piece of metal flying into the intake of an engine or an aircraft slipping on liquid FOD, it causes more than just monetary damage, it also contributes to the loss of productivity and can cause serious injury.”

FOD can be introduced to the flight

deck and hangar bay by Sailors who have something in their pockets that accidentally falls out. Frequently found items include pens, keys, change, washers, nuts, lighters and other things personnel carry in their pockets or on their uniform.

The aircraft’s intake has the possibility of turning FOD into a projectile, injuring personnel on the flight deck in the form of lacerations or even more serious injuries.

“It is preached and enforced to remove loose articles, or ‘de-FOD’ yourself, prior to coming on the flight deck,” said Torres.


Solid debris is not the only danger. FOD can also be liquid. Any fuel or hydraulic fluids that accumulate on the flight deck pose a hazard to Sailors and aircraft.

“Carelessness plays only a small factor. FOD is mainly caused from equipment and normal wear and tear,” said Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) 1st Class (AW/SW) Netrick B. Hayes, Air department’s V-1 division leading petty officer.

Sailors’ vigilance in keeping the hangar and flight deck clear of FOD goes

a long way. The engine of an F/A-18C Hornet costs around \$1.5 million to replace if damaged by FOD. The F/A-18F Super Hornet engine costs \$3.5 million to replace.

A Sailor’s life is irreplaceable.

The Enterprise crew continues its effort to reduce FOD in order to achieve mission readiness during COMPTUEX and beyond. By adhering to this crucial element of procedural compliance, Enterprise Sailors ensure FOD-related injuries and aircraft damage will not happen on their watch. 

Enterprise Strike Group consists of Enterprise, the guided-missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf (CG 56), the guided missile destroyers USS Bulkeley (DDG 84), USS Barry (DDG 52) and USS Mason (DDG 87), USNS Arctic (T-AOE 8), Carrier Air Wing 1 and Destroyer Squadron 2.

Enterprise Strike Group is conducting COMPTUEX as part of its work-ups in preparation for an upcoming deployment. For more information about Enterprise, Carrier Strike Group 12 or Carrier Air Wing 1 visit www.Enterprise.navy.mil, WWW.ccs12.surfor.navy.mil, and www.cvw1.navy.mil. You can also visit www.news.navy.mil/local/cvn65.

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Happy 235th

Rear Adm. Terry Kraft, commander, Carrier Strike Group (CCSG) 12, Capt. O.P. Honors, commanding officer of the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, Capt. Roderick L. Clayton and Seaman Adan O. Acosta cut a cake during a ceremony to celebrate the 235th birthday of the United States Navy. Enterprise Strike Group is conducting a Composite Training Unit Exercise in preparation for an upcoming deployment.



U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Seaman Gregory A. Pickett



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